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SUBJECT: VHF E&E EQUIPMENT

REF: 76 STATE 311988

THIS TELEGRAM IS A JOINT RSO/CRO EFFORT.

1. AT THE TIME REFTEL WAS RECEIVED, THE SPARE EQUIPMENT (PARA 2) AS MENTIONED WAS CORRECT; HOWEVER, FORTHCOMING PROPOSED CHANGES, E.G., INCREASES IN STAFF, STAFF RETURNING TO APARTMENT LIVING QUARTERS, ETC., WILL ALTER THIS POST'S REQUIREMENT FOR VHF EQUIPMENT.

2. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT:

A. 26 PORTABLE UNITS WILL BE NEEDED IN THE HOMES OF U.S. EMPLOYEES. THESE RADIOS WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED TO/FROM EMBASSY BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, LOSS OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. HN-36 OR PE-66 UNITS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR USE IN RESIDENCES. AT PRESENT, THIS POST HAS 14 HN-35 (5 WITH EXTERNAL CHARGERS) AND 7 PE-66 UNITS. THE RSO REQUESTS AN ADDITIONAL 10 PE-66 UNITS, FOUR BATTERIES FOR THE HN-36 UNITS, AND FUZES.

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B. 28 PORTABLES WILL BE NEEDED FOR INTERNAL USAGE. THIS INCLUDED U.S. MARINE REQUIREMENTS (13 PRESENTLY ASSIGNED), OFFICE NEEDS, ETC. THE PE-56 UNITS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THIS USE. AT PRESENT WE ARE IN POSSESSION OF 11 PE-56 UNITS PLUS 5 PR-36 UNITS WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL REPLACED. REQUEST 17 ADDITIONAL

PE-56 UNITS. ALSO REQUEST 3 BATTERIES FOR THE PR-36 UNITS.

3. PARAGRAPH 2A&B SHOWS A REQUEST FOR A TOTAL OF 27 ADDITIONAL UNITS WHICH INCLUDES 5 PE-66 AND 5 PE-56 UNITS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR USAGE. REQUEST 100 PERCENT BATTERY BACKUP FOR THE PE TYPE UNITS IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGES PLUS CHARGERS FOR RESPECTIVE UNITS. NINE OF THE 14 HA-36 UNITS HAVE LINE CORD CHARGERS; THEREFORE, WE FEEL THE FOUR ADDITIONAL BATTERIES ARE JUSTIFIED. THIS POST WOULD PREFER EITHER REPLACING ALL HN-36 UNITS WITH PE-66'S OR RECEOVE POWER SUPPLIES AND EXTERNAL CHARGERS FOR THE NINE HN-36 UNITS PRESENTLY CHARGED WITH THE LINE CORD CHARGER. EXTRA UNITS WILL SERVE AS IMMEDIATE BACKUP IN CASE OF: A) BREAKAGE OR MALFUNCTION AT THEIR RESPECTIVE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS; OR B) A FURTHER INCREASE IN STAFF.

4. IF THE VHF PACKAGE, INCLUDING A REPEATER, THAT OC HAS PREVIOUSLY PREPARED WILL MORE EASILY FULFILL POST REQUIREMENTS, IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

5. CONCERNED RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS AT POST FEEL THAT OUR REQUESTS ARE JUSTIFIED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PORTABLE UNITS ARE STILL SUBJECT TO THEFT AS WELL AS MALFUNCTION, WHICH, WE FEEL, FURTHER JUSTIFIES OUR REQUESTS.

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6. REQUEST ADDRESSES ADVISE. THE UNITS SENT TO KARACHI FOR REPAIR WOULD PROBABLY FULFILL PART OF OUR REQUIREMENTS.

7. CORRESPONDENCE IS FORTHCOMING IN REFERENCE TO VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS AND CEO-R ASSISTANCE.
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